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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aag.*

RE: Site Inspection, Larson Limestone Company, Larson Limestone Mine,
S/049/011, Utah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: May 14, 1992

Time of Inspection: 9:30 a.m. -10:50 a.m.

Conditions: Warm, sunny

Participants: Farrel Larson, Gerald Larson, Larson Limestone; Kent Sundberg,
Jeff Mendenhall, Utah County; Tony Gallegos, Holland Shepherd,
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The purpose of this inspection was to determine the extent of the mining related disturbance at the site. The inspection was more of an open discussion with a map used as a visual aid of the site. The deciding factor of who would hold a reclamation bond will depend upon the amount of disturbance at the site.

It was generally agreed that if the mine site disturbance is 5 acres or less the county will request a reclamation bond for the site, based upon a reclamation recommendation from the Division. It was also agreed, that if the site was over 5 acres the Division would require a reclamation bond (surety) and the county would recognize that surety and not require a separate surety.

The Division's Minerals Rules require that all surface features associated with the mine site be considered part of the mine disturbance and therefore, subject to reclamation by the operator. At the Larson site this would mean including the following features as part of the mine disturbance: all active quarries, screening & crushing area, maintenance shops, access roads, the boneyard area, stockpile pad, truck scale and mine dumps. The county would look mainly at the quarry areas, office area, etc., as being subject to reclamation and would not necessarily consider roads as a part of the mine disturbance which would need to be reclaimed.

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A major point of discussion was the pre-law status of many of the roads used by Larson. A majority of these roads are on private lands and were in existence prior to 1975, as evidenced by a 1951 map. The access road to the upper quarry sites switchbacks up the mountain past pre-law quarries to an area currently being worked by Larson and then beyond to a state lease area. It was pointed out that the Division would require this road to be included in the mine disturbance, since the road has been used by Larson post 1975. This road and all other roads would need to be included in the reclamation plan unless an acceptable post-mining land use could be demonstrated. Larson was going to look to State Lands & Forestry as a possible means of demonstrating a post-mining land use for the access road to the upper quarries.

Another point discussed was the inclusion of the boneyard area in the mine disturbance. Larson indicated that the equipment currently in the boneyard does not belong to them, but they would move it themselves or get the owner (John Gann) to move it. The Division would not include the boneyard area if the area is cleaned up within the next 60 days.

The meeting concluded with the understanding that the Division would provide Larson with copies of the rules, the original SMO-NOI, and the Division's 1988 approval letter. Larson was to provide the Division with copies of the 1951 map, and the 1:200 scale map presented at the inspection. The Division will examine the maps and coordinate a meeting with Larson to discuss the disturbed acreage at the mine site and reclamation. Larson indicated that the maps would be delivered to the Division by the end of the following week. They would like to resolve this matter as soon as possible.

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Enclosures
cc: Kent Sundberg, Utah County
cc/enc: Farrel Larson, Larson Limestone Co.
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